

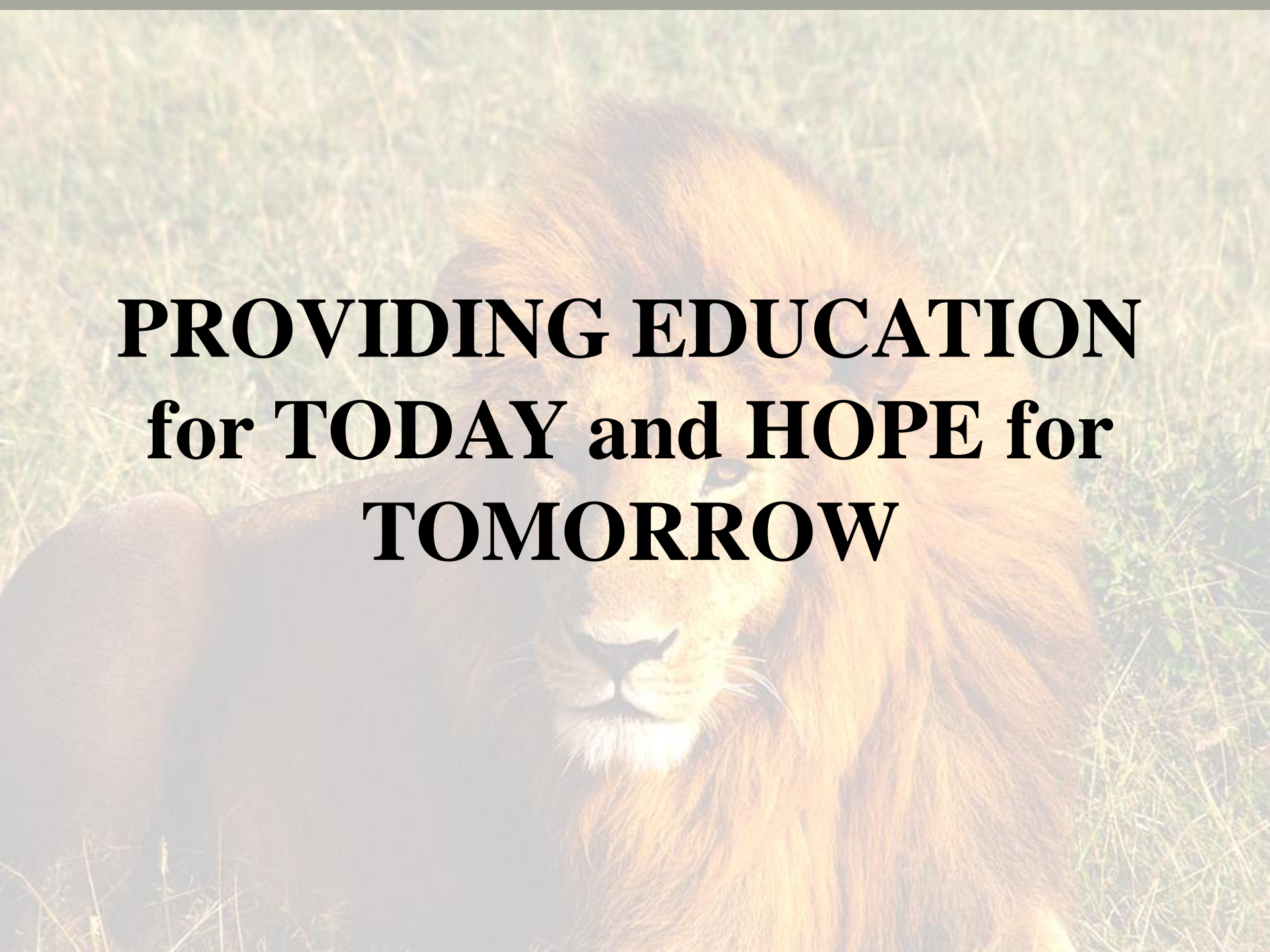
A lion is lying down in a field of tall, dry grass. The lion's head is in the center, looking towards the camera. Its mane is a mix of brown and orange. The background is a soft-focus field of grass.

# **ACADEMY with COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Presenters: Margaret Williamson,  
Superintendent/Founder

Amy Hardgrove, Freedom Writers Leader

Natalie Suffecool, School to Work Coordinator

A lion is lying down in a savanna landscape with tall grass. The lion's head is in the center, looking slightly to the right. The text is overlaid on the image.

**PROVIDING EDUCATION  
for TODAY and HOPE for  
TOMORROW**

**Students are empowered  
with hope and develop  
projects in their  
community.**



# History of A.C.P.





# Best Private School or Charter School



**Best of**  
**EAST  
VALLEY**  
**2011**

## Academy with Community Partners

Size matters. Academy with Community Partners is a smaller school with smaller class sizes and more one-on-one time with teachers. The charter school also features longer classes and a four-day-a-week schedule.

**Location:** 433 N. Hall, Mesa

**Phone:** (480) 833-0068

**Website:** [www.acpathope.org/](http://www.acpathope.org/)

### VOTERS' COMMENTS

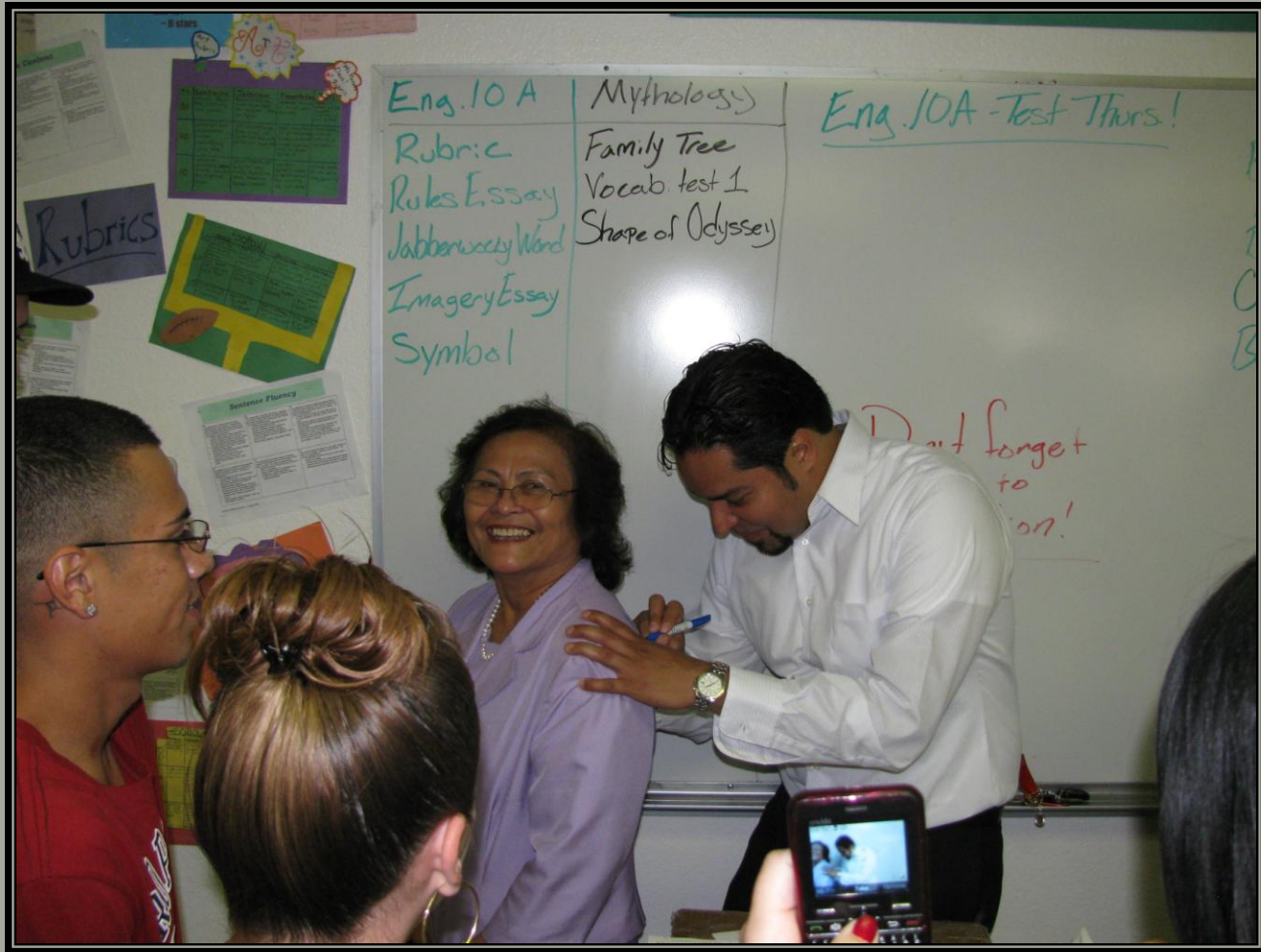
“I like ACP because of the scheduling. I like being at school because I can get 1 on 1 learning from the teachers.”

“I like going to ACP because it's small.”

Presented By... **East Valley  
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# Freedom Writer's Class





Guest, TONY BECERRA

# Presentation of Freedom Writers



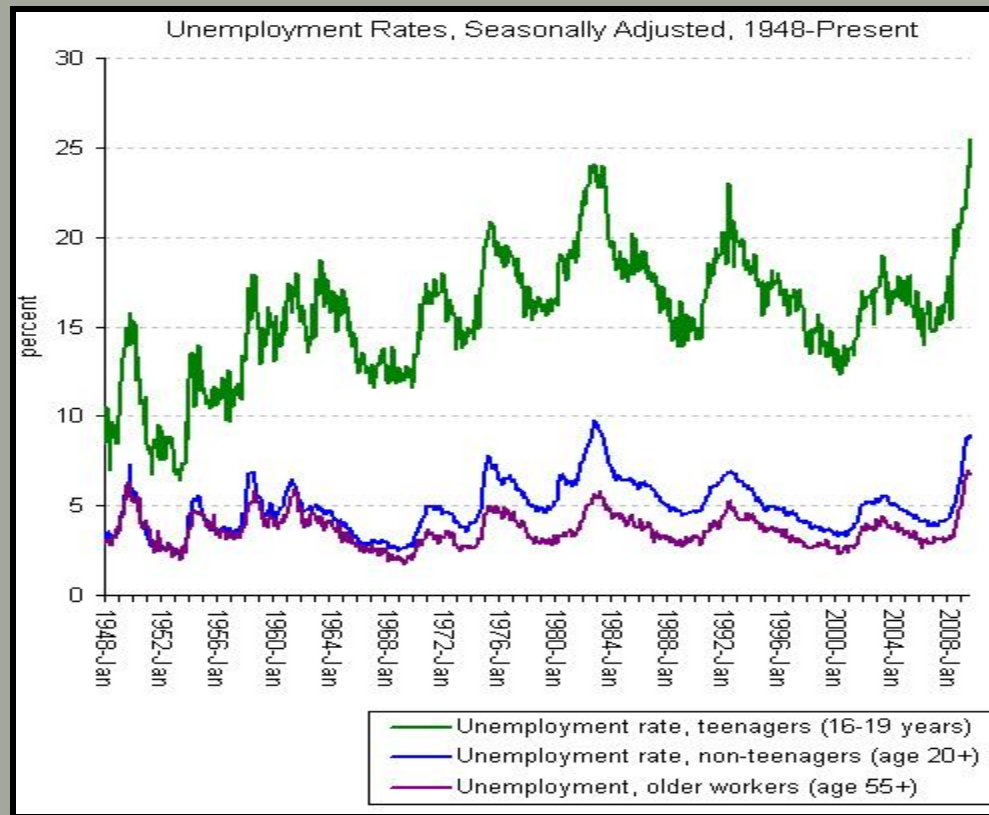
# Drop Out Prevention

## School To Work



# Job Statistics

- Teen unemployment Rate: 27% (Nov. 2009)
- Up 17% from the previous year



# Why?

- Retail, construction, and manufacturing industries decreasing in size
- More older workers in the “teen” market
- Experienced workers taking lower paying jobs



# School to Work-Overview

Objective: Help students improve communication skills, broaden their knowledge of career opportunities through job searches and guest speakers, and help students understand the value of continued education, while giving them job skills that can be used now.

- Applications
- Resumes and Cover Letters
- Interview Skills
- Guest Speakers
- Communication Skills

# School to Work-Applications

- Tips
- Practice
- Completion
- Paper based
- Web based



# School to Work- Resumes and Cover Letters

- Examples
- Worksheets
- One on one assistance
- Peers
- Self Reflection



# School to Work- Interview Skills

- Communication
- Self Reflection
- Common Questions
- Practice
- Tips
  - Dress
  - Handshakes
  - Appropriate answers
- Interview Competition



# School to Work- Guest Speakers

- Variety of careers
  - Lawyer, Non-Profit Workers, Flight Attendant, Registered Nurse, Entrepreneur, Veterinary Technician, Fire Fighter, Federal Agent, Phoenix Job Corps
- Value of continued Education



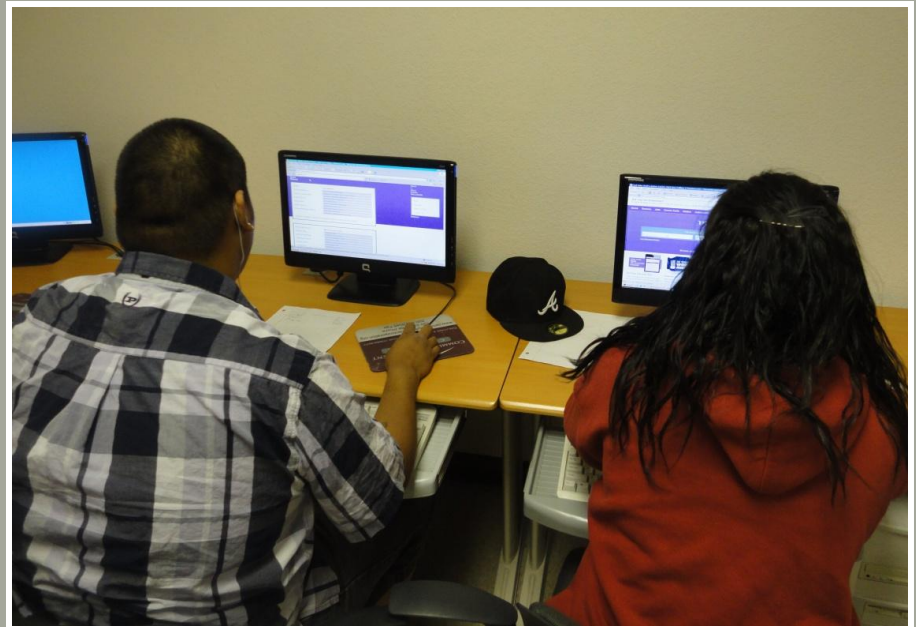
# School to Work- Guest Speakers

- Speaker Outline

- What is a day like for you?
- How long did it take for you to get where you are now?
- What type of schooling did you have to do?
- What type of training did you have?
- Starting salary
- What personality traits are important to have for this type of position?

# School to Work- Communication Skills

- Non verbal
- Appropriate language
- Speaking for an intended audience
- Writing Skills
  - Business letters
    - Thank you letters
    - Cover letter
- Technology
  - Online applications
  - Job searches



# Junior Statesman of America



**JSA at the Long Beach Conference**

# Girls Basketball



# Boys Basketball



# Student of the Block



# Thanksgiving Dinner



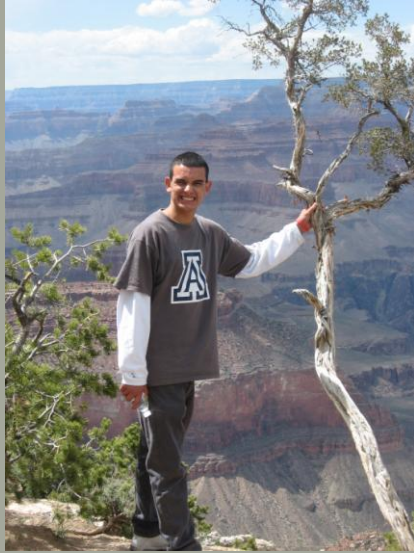
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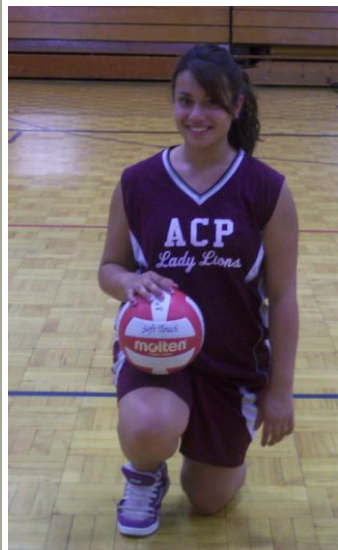
# Hiking Club



# Hiking Club at Grand Canyon



# Girls Volleyball Team



# 2010-2011 Career Night



# Career Night



# ACP Garden





**SUPERINTENDENT  
JOHN HUPPENTHAL**

# ACP Graduate



# CARING TEACHERS



# The Three "Musts" For Every Class

1. **Art**
2. **Going Out Into the Community**
3. **Journaling**



# Hope Resonates:

*The Freedom Writers Movie* (copyright 1999)

*Erin Gruwell, “discovered how journal writing can help students sort out their thoughts and feelings and lend power and commitment to a goal that involves change”*

*(Gruwell, Freedom Writers Foundation)*

# Wants and Needs:

**Alexis, “ I want to be heard.”**

# Who Supports You?

**Pedro, “ Nobody supports me. I am the only one that is here for me.”**

**80% students answered in the same manner.**

# Free Write:

Maya's response: "I am in an angry \_\_\_\_\_ mood!

Everything is going wrong today. I just want to scream! Part of me wants to cry and another part of me wants to punch something as hard as I can! A 15year old girl should not be this stressed out! At home it's just me and my brothers. MY MOM IS NEVER IS HOME! So I always watch her kids causing me to have no life of my own. We have like no food in the house and it is just B.S. My step dad tells me I'm stupid because I said I feel invisible when I go to his and his new girl friend's house, so now we're not talking now. Uggh!

# National Longitudinal Study on Adolescent Health

- Studies of risk and resilience (3 of 4)
- Design
  - Random selection of 12,118 adolescents from 80 schools
  - Interview and survey child, parents, and school
- Results
  - Family and school connectedness were central
  - Having a strong basis of support was protective against every negative outcome except pregnancy

# Freedom Writers Class Welcomes Tony Becerra



# Tony Becerra





# Ray, Jordan, & Saul's Story

